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1. The barracks, located at the railroad station of SLONIM (25°19' E/53° 05' N), White-Russian MD, comprised two three-story buildings for EM, 40x250 feet each; two stone garages, each about 165 feet long; one administrative building.
2. The barracks, a former Polish barracks, was occupied by 250 to 300 young air force soldiers.
3. The soldiers wore linen uniforms with epaulets of canvas without insignia. Their boots were of canvas. The instructors also wore uniforms of the same color as the epaulets with light blue pipings. Some had winged propeller insignia, others winged wheel insignia.
4. Each soldier was armed with a long gun with a flexible bayonet.
5. The soldiers were trained in the barracks yard and also practiced sports. In the afternoon they practiced jumps from a 33-foot jumping platform.

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Comment:

a. Contrary to the previously reported occupation of 1,500 troops, this report states for the same period that only from 250 to 300 air force soldiers were quartered in the SLONIM Pilot Barracks. [REDACTED]

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b. According to this information, a battalion of pilot candidates was given basic military training. The jumps from the 33-foot platform are believed to be preparatory practices for parachute jumps done in basic training.

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